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114th Fighter Wing gets new command chief

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – The South Dakota Air National Guard's Chief Master Sgt. Michael J. Clauson assumed his new position as the 114th Fighter Wing's new command chief master sergeant during an assumption ceremony at Joe Foss Field, Jan. 7.

Clauson was selected by Col. Nathan Alholinna, 114th FW commander, to replace Chief Master Sgt. Dean Hillberg, who held the position as the highest enlisted member of the organization for the past three years and retired at the end of 2016.

As the command chief for the 114th FW, Clauson is tasked with advising his superiors on quality-of-life issues and matters relating to the enlisted Airmen of the unit, among other duties.

Clauson entered the Air National Guard in July 1996 and began serving as a firefighter. After serving 14 years as a firefighter, he was selected as the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant. He served as first sergeant for three years where he enhanced his institutional competencies and military doctrine.

"I embraced the first sergeant motto of 'my job is people, everyone is my business,' this reinforced my ability to serve my Airmen," said Clauson.

Clauson's most recent position before selection as the new wing command chief was as the 114th Fighter Wing human resource advisor.

"I am prepared to serve as our next command chief and I believe I have been preparing for this for the past 20 years," said Clauson. "I am excited to serve in this capacity and truly look forward to all the great things our Airmen will do."

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Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael Clauson (U.S. Air National Guard file photo)



170107-Z-LQ671-009: U.S. Air Force Col. Nathan Alholinna, 114th Fighter Wing commander, South Dakota Air National Guard, passes the unit colors to Chief Master Sgt. Michael J. Clauson, incoming 114th FW command chief, during an assumption ceremony Jan. 7, 2017, at Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls, S.D. Clauson assumed his new position from retired Command Chief Master Sgt. Dean L. Hillberg. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Luke Olson)



170107-Z-LQ671-012: U.S. Air Force Col. Nathan Alholinna, 114th Fighter Wing commander, South Dakota Air National Guard, stands with Chief Master Sgt. Michael J. Clauson, incoming 114th FW command chief, during an assumption ceremony Jan. 7, 2017, at Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls, S.D. Clauson assumed his new position from retired Command Chief Master Sgt. Dean L. Hillberg. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Luke Olson)

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